



# FACT SHEET

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### Air Force Materiel Command Technology Transfer

Technology Transfer is a process which ensures Air Force developed technologies are shared with the industry, academia, or other government agencies. Each Air Force operating location (product, logistics, test centers, and laboratories) accomplishes the actual transfer of technology with the aid of their local Transfer Focal Point or Office for Research and Technology Application (ORTA).

The purpose of the Air Force Technology Transfer Program is:

- To provide opportunities for others outside the Air Force to reap the benefits of Air Force technology research, development, and application.
- To share Air Force technology with all qualified people, agencies, businesses, and schools within the constraints of public law.

Public law directs federal agencies to actively pursue the transfer of technology. The Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 and the Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986:

- Mandate Federal departments, including laboratories, to pursue technology transfer to make full use of the Nation's federal investment in research and development.
- Give agencies and laboratory directors latitude to enter into Cooperative Research and Development Agreements (CRDAs) with private companies, universities, state and local governments, etc. and to negotiate patent licenses.

- Allow distribution of royalty income from patent licensing directly to the inventor(s) and the producing laboratory.
- Make technology transfer a job requirement of every Air Force scientist and engineer.

A CRDA is a written agreement between a federal organization and a non-federal organization which allows each participant to provide resources to work toward a joint research project. In addition to CRDAs, other technology transfer vehicles are the Small Business Innovation Research program, personnel exchange programs, Memorandums of Understanding, and Cooperative Agreements.

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